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- 1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Publication No. 2000-197134, published July 14, 2000.
- 2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Publication No. 2000-278761, published October 6, 2000.

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